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Halifax basks in summer heat

► Hundreds pack waterfront yesterday to enjoy long-awaited seasonal temperatures ► Many more cram downtown patios



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Katie White's butterfly face paint washed off as she ran through a fountain at Bishop's Landing yesterday, but she didn't mind.

"It's so hot out," screamed the soaking three-year-old after explaining how much fun she was having.

Aron White, Katie's father, stood nearby with three-month-old Abby, watching his daughter splash about with five other children seeking the relief of the fountain water.

"She saw the water and her face lit up," said White, whose family made the trip to the downtown from Eastern Passage. "She asked if it was all right if she could jump through and I said yes."

The White family was joined by hundreds of people who flooded the Halifax Waterfront Boardwalk yesterday afternoon during the sunny weather. It was one of

Don't get used to it

While yesterday's clear-blue sky and abnormally high temperature was nice, Environment Canada is warning that Halifax will be returning to its customary grey tones today.

- The forecast calls for increasing cloudiness, with showers starting around noon and a risk of thunderstorms in the afternoon.
- Those showers are expected to last until tomorrow, with the sun expected to make a brief return for Wednesday.
- If there is one thing this summer has taught Haligonians, it's to keep their umbrellas close and their grilling meats in the freezer.

the last stops on Kari Van Middlesworth and Steve Brucker's journey around the city.

"We walked around Point Pleasant Park and then took a few buses, but we've definitely clocked several kilometres," said

"The weather finally got us out of the house. It's amazing."

ARON WHITE, OF EASTERN PASSAGE

Brucker, who is visiting with Van Middlesworth from Fredericton.

Ginny Smith's day plan was slightly altered by the nice weather. The Yarmouth County native was scheduled to leave from the Halifax Stanfield International Airport to go to Montana last evening, but decided to head to the city first to take in the warm weather.

"We came early enough to walk around and enjoy the day," she said on Barrington Street yesterday, mentioning she would be hitting a Japanese restaurant for dinner.

Sarah Calvin and Meghan Drennan sought the breeze of the harbour to cool down in the 28 C weather.

"We're taking the boat to Dartmouth to go and get tea and scones," said Calvin.



► Softball teammates Rouge Fatale, right, and Boom Boom chat with an umpire at home plate during yesterday's annual Dykes vs. Divas game, which kicked off Halifax's Pride Week.

ADRIAN LEE/METRO

Wigging out on the field for Pride

Rouge Fatale and Boom Boom played for the Divas, losing 13-10 to the tough-talking Dykes who are on a two-year winning streak. Story, page 3.



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Dykes throw curveball at bodacious Divas

► 'We have a little bit more balls than them,' Dykes team says
► Eighth annual baseball game kicks off Halifax Pride Week



► Tradition comes first: The Divas and Dykes softball teams stare each other down as they line up to sing the anthem.

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In this softball game, everyone was out to begin with.

But a big inning lifted the Dykes to a 13-10 victory in yesterday's eighth annual Dykes vs. Divas game, which kicked off Halifax's Pride Week.

Despite late-game heroics by a team boasting towering wigs and scraps of clothing, the wily Divas couldn't overcome the softball experience of the underdog Dykes. The Dykes have won only once before, and are now enjoy-

"Doesn't it look super sexy?"

THE DIVAS' ELECTRA RAZOR, ADMIRING THE BANDAGE ON HER SCUFFED-UP KNEE AFTER SLIDING INTO THIRD BASE

ing a two-year winning streak.

With a crowd of about 500 behind them, the Divas burst out of the bullpen to take an early lead — "like an easy prom date," cracked Diva MC Boom Boom Lubalicious — and defended it with timely fielding and questionable tackles on Dyke baserunners.

The Divas also had the benefit of an array of footwear — wedges for running, heels for walk-

ing to the plate — and performance-enhancing substances in the form of vodka coolers.

But the Dykes' six-run seventh inning proved too much, keyed by a spectacular run by Oz, who deked away from three Divas who lost their wigs trying to prevent her from reaching home plate.

"We're dykes. We're used to sports, we're used to getting dirty," said Kelly McNeil, rubbing dirt from the diamond on her

ripped jeans. She's played softball for 20 years.

"We know how to turn a double ... we know how to hit a ball."

To their credit, the Dykes congratulated the other team after their win.

"Got to say, Divas put on an amazing game," McNeil said. "But in the end, skills are going to dominate beauty."

Nevertheless, in true diva form, Boom Boom is already confident the Divas will win next year.

"They have to win, you know. Eventually they have to win."

Liberals bemoan lost rural jobs

High taxes and energy costs are driving a decline in jobs outside Halifax, Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil says.

McNeil points to recent Statistics Canada data to argue that while Halifax has performed well over the past two years, rural areas are lagging behind.

A Statistics Canada survey released on July 8 showed modest growth in Nova Scotia's labour force in June. Compared to May, the labour force grew by 2.6 per cent, full-time employment rose by 9.2 per cent and part-time employment fell by 5.5 per cent. Unemployment also decreased by just over one per cent.

But those numbers are still down when compared to June 2010. Over that period, the labour force shrank by 4.4 per cent and full-time employment decreased by 4.7 per cent.

McNeil said higher fuel costs outside the Halifax Regional Municipality are resulting in a larger burden on rural businesses. ● ALEX BOUTILIER



► Stephen McNeil

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Competitors make 11th-hour joint bid for shipbuilding contracts

Two-week extension allowed Ontario, Quebec yards to team up for joint bid Confusion around joint bid speaks for itself: N.S. premier's office



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As if the competition for the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy contracts needed another layer of intrigue.

Two of the four yards shortlisted for lucrative Defence Department shipbuilding contracts have joined forces in the 11th hour.

It was revealed late last week that Quebec's Davie Yards will enter a joint venture with a group of five Ontario-based companies and Daewoo of South Korea to bid on the federal shipbuilding contracts — worth about \$35 billion over two decades.

One of the companies signed on to the bid is Sea-

New deadline

Bids on the two National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy contracts are due on July 21 — after the federal government granted a two-week extension at the behest of two yards.

way Marine and Industrial, the Ontario yard also shortlisted for the NSPS contracts.

Another company involved in the bid — Daewoo — received almost \$60 million from the Nova Scotia government in 2010 to open up a wind turbine manufacturing plant in Pictou County. The province has an equity share in the operation.

The deal, struck under a week before bids are due, could mean trouble for the other two yards competing for the contract — Halifax's Irving Shipbuilding and Seaspan Marine Inc. of British Columbia.

But Premier Darrell Dexter downplayed the move, saying it adds "confusion" to the process.

"Nova Scotia is ready and able to build these ships. The government of Canada needs a dependable partner in this, and Irving Shipbuilding is it," Melissa MacKinnon, spokeswoman for Dexter, said yesterday. "The premier has said the confusion around the other bids speaks for itself. Nova Scotia's bid doesn't depend on someone else failing."

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Bon. Voyage



►The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle sits docked at Halifax's Cable Wharf yesterday.

ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

Sailing into history

The crew of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle was offering free public tours as part of a cruise celebrating the 75th anniversary of the ship's construction.

Shooting of N.S. man an 'isolated occurrence': RCMP

RCMP in New Brunswick are searching for a male suspect after a shooting incident in Moncton on Saturday involving a Nova Scotian man.

Cpl. Mike Titus of the Codiac Regional RCMP said the incident occurred early

Saturday on Wesley Street.

He said a 35-year-old man from Nova Scotia was taken to hospital and later released after being grazed in the head by a bullet.

"It is believed to be an isolated occurrence," Titus said yesterday. ●ALY THOMSON

Man allegedly attempts meat theft with Taser

A Halifax man is facing charges after he allegedly attempted to raid a

grocery store's produce aisle while armed with a stun gun over the weekend.

The incident took place on the 1600 block of the Bedford Highway on Friday evening.

Shortly after 7 p.m., Halifax Regional Police said a 25-year-old man entered a store, grabbed some meat products and

left without paying.

When a security officer confronted the man, he dropped the stolen goods and allegedly pulled out a Taser before fleeing the area.

A suspect was apprehended a short distance away and will face robbery and prohibited weapons charges.

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UARB to rule on size of Cape Breton council

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board will deliver its decision today on whether Cape Breton's municipal council should be reduced in size.

And the board's decision will likely resonate in Halifax Regional Municipality.

The Cape Breton Regional Municipality currently represents 16 municipal districts.

In November, councillors submitted their application to maintain the number of districts, the second such application in less than four years. That occurred despite a council-hired consultant recommending a reduction in districts to 12.

In August, a divided HRM council recommended to the UARB that its 23 districts should be maintained. Halifax is mandated by the UARB to review its boundaries every eight years, and was ordered to make the review before municipal elections in 2012.

But some councillors, as well as Mayor Peter Kelly, are proposing a smaller council of 16 plus the mayor.

A committee struck by the city also recommended that council be reduced by three.

That decision is scheduled to be released this fall.

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► Archeologists dig in a parking lot in Old Montreal last Tuesday, hoping to uncover a piece of Canada's political past. They hope to find something from the remains of the first permanent parliament of what was then known as the United Province of Canada.

Probing into Canada's past

► A dozen archeologists are digging up about 30% of parking lot ► Rest being left for future excavations

Hidden underneath a narrow, shrub-lined parking lot in Old Montreal is an important piece of Canada's political past, and archeologists are working to uncover it.

Digging has begun in the hopes of finding the remains of what was supposed to have been the first permanent parliament of Canada.

Despite the building's pivotal place in Canadian history, the supervisor of the dig says most people probably don't even know Montreal was home to the parliament, let alone its

specific location.

"It's a place of national significance but, curiously, there is no plaque or anything to mark it," said Louise Pothier, director of exhibitions at Montreal's Pointe-a-Calliere archeological and history museum.

The site is located in historic Place D'Youville, an area of Montreal steeped in history.

The team is keeping expectations low about what it hopes to find preserved in the ground, given that the Montreal parliament burned to the ground in 1849 during a violent

protest by angry Anglos. The turmoil revolved around the Rebellion Losses Bill, legislation that sought to compensate people who sustained property damage during the 1837-38 rebellions against the Crown.

"The members were forced out of the building and it was ransacked before a fire was lit inside," Pothier said.

Archeologists will continue digging until October, at which point the city plans to convert the site into a green space.

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CARMAGEDDON

Miles ahead of schedule

The event that many feared would be the "Carmageddon" of epic traffic jams cruised calmly to a finish yesterday, with bridge work on the Los Angeles roadway completed nearly a full day ahead of schedule and officials reopening a 16-kilometre stretch of the busy freeway.

Drivers honked their horns and waved from car windows as traffic started moving in all 10 lanes of Interstate 405 just after noon local time since being shut down at midnight Friday. There were no major problems while the freeway was closed, despite warnings.

The mayor praised contractors for working so quickly and thanked city residents for heeding calls to stay off the roads. He also gave credit to news outlets for spreading word about the closure.

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Volcano fires up

Mount Lokon, in central Indonesia unleashed its most powerful eruption yet yesterday, spewing hot ash and smoke thousands of metres into the air and sending panicked villagers racing back to emergency shelters.

The volcano has been dormant for years but rumbled back to life late last week. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

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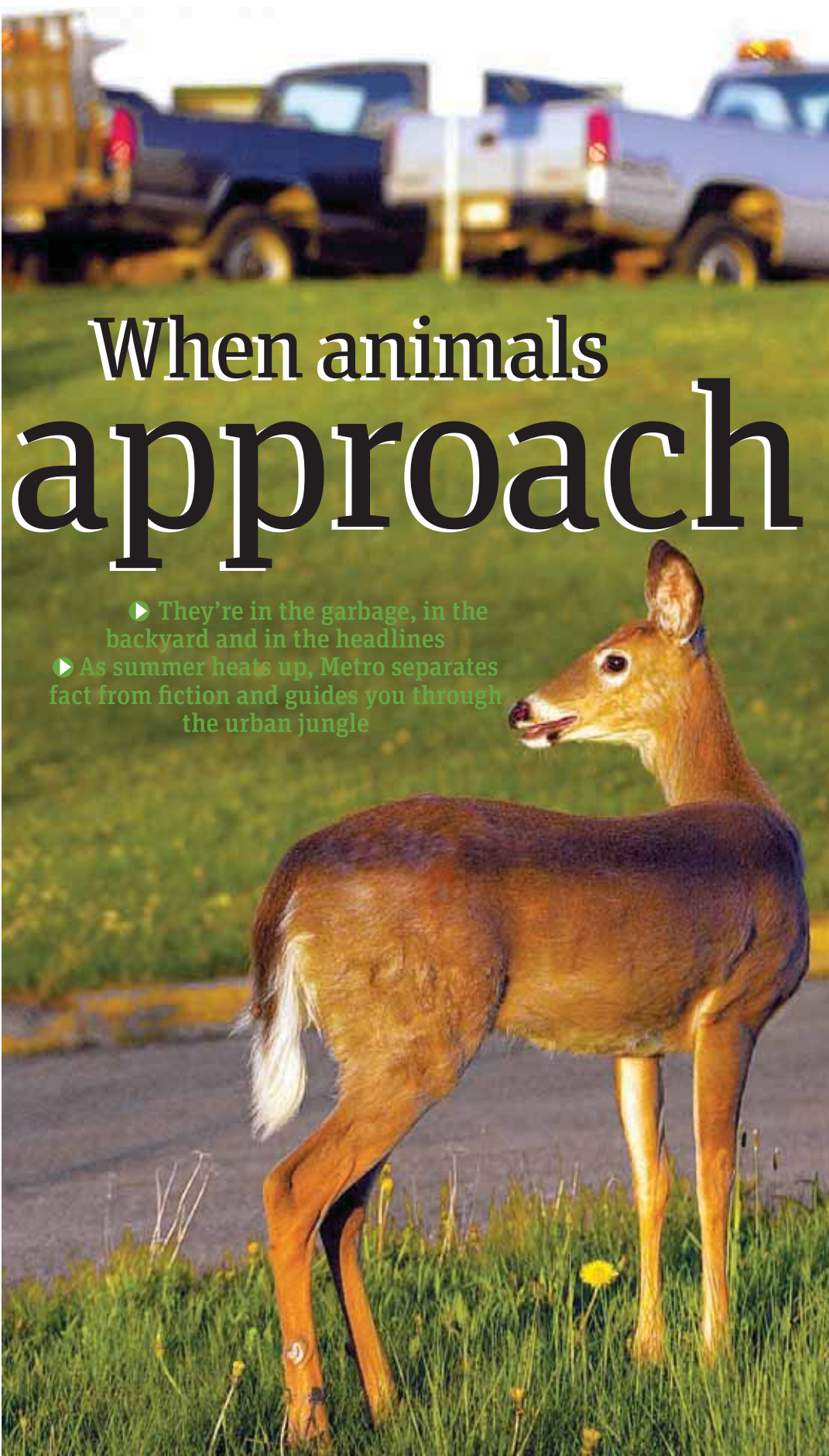
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When animals approach

► They're in the garbage, in the backyard and in the headlines
 ► As summer heats up, Metro separates fact from fiction and guides you through the urban jungle

"There's a temptation to feed them because they're almost tame ... but if you do that you're habituating that animal — it just scored."

KEVIN STRANGE, CALGARY ZOO



JENNIFER TAPLIN
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Whether it's a deer smashing through a coffee shop window in Halifax or a black bear taking a snooze in a Kanata backyard, wildlife loves cities almost as much as commuters.

And this summer has seen myriad of tales of animal-human conflicts in Canadian cities, with the case of a Toronto man allegedly hitting a baby raccoon with a shovel drawing out both animal lovers and raccoon haters in protest.

But, despite the attention, are citizens really having more run-ins with critters?

"It's massively man-made this idea we're having more interactions ... but there's no doubt we're encroaching on their territory," said Simon Gadbois, an animal behaviour researcher in Halifax.

Habitat encroachment and climate change play a role, but conflicts come in cycles depending on animal populations and their environment, he said.

These days, he said, people are more likely to report animal sightings after learning of a horrific event, such as recent bear attacks in B.C. and the 19-year-old Toronto woman who was killed by coyotes in Cape Breton in 2009.

In the short term, growing cities mean a loss of

habitat as animals creep into cities looking for food and shelter, but in the long term it means there will be fewer animals, said Kevin Strange, with the conservation outreach program at the Calgary Zoo.

"Cities and towns are almost always built on a water body, and in the west here they're always on a river and rivers are green highways (for animals)," he said.

"There are times when climate change can really make animals migrate."

Climate change can be good for some animals and bad for others. If there is a shortage of rabbits, for example, coyotes will range further into cities and find that cats make a good substitute, he said.

"Cats think (coyotes) are dogs and it's not until the last second they realize they're not dealing with the average dog," Gadbois said. "And some cat owners put those little bird bells around the necks of cats, which becomes like a lunch bell for the coyotes."

Experts believe the keys to making cities less attractive to wildlife is to take a serious look at waste management and get people to stop feeding creatures like deer and raccoons.

Gadbois said people need to realize wildlife is always going to hang around cities — it might not be ideal, but not as dangerous as people think.

"Hey, get over it," he said. "That's what it is to live in Canada."

No party animals here

When you have an uninvited, furry pest living in your

house, throw a party.

Reesa Atnikov, a supervisor with the not-for-profit Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre in Manitoba, said they take thousands of calls every year about wild animals like raccoons or skunks that have become a little too comfortable in an urban setting.

"We recommend bright lights, loud music and rags

soaked in bleach. They don't like the smell, they don't like the lights and they don't like the loud music," she said.

But if you're in the backyard and Winnie and Yogi wander in to sniff out your garbage bin, the best plan is to call a conservation officer, said Kevin Strange with the Calgary Zoo.

"That's got to be a fairly threatening situation ... and it may have a desire to protect the food source," he said.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

Canada's most unwanted

► We asked officials in Metro cities across the country to tell us about their most troublesome critters:



Halifax — Coyote Most dangerous:

Coyotes can wander into the city's peninsula and get trapped. A power-meter reader was bitten by a coyote earlier this year.

Biggest pest: None.

Newest problem:

Bears may have poked around the suburbs in the past few weeks.



Ottawa — Black bear Most dangerous:

Black bear.

Biggest pest: Raccoon. Several YouTube videos attest to raccoons' ability to defeat supposedly impregnable green bins.

Newest problem:

Bedbug. Pest control companies note a dramatic increase in complaints in 2010.



Toronto — Raccoon Most dangerous:

None, but leaving food out is discouraged because coyotes can begin to associate people with a food source and may start hanging around.

Biggest pest:

Torontonians have the most trouble with raccoons.

Newest problem:

None.



London — Ashborer Most dangerous: None.

Biggest pest: The buckthorn plant is infiltrating London's natural areas and pushing out all the native species.

Newest problem:

The emerald ash borer beetle is wreaking havoc on ash trees, of which there are more than 100,000 in the area.



Winnipeg — Cougar Most dangerous:

Deer. Manitoba Public Insurance reports collisions with deer make up the most animal-auto accidents.

Biggest pest: Mosquito.

Newest problem:

Several witnesses spotted a cougar in Winnipeg suburb Transcona recently.



Calgary — Coyote Most dangerous:

Black bears occasionally come up the river valley into the city.

Biggest pest: Officials say there are resident coyotes living in the city.

Newest problem:

"We don't get new pests in Calgary because Alberta doesn't let them in," says Bill Bruce of Calgary Animal Services.



Edmonton — Mice Most dangerous:

Mice, and all the germs and destruction they bring.

Biggest pest: Mice, bedbugs and ants are the main ones right now.

Newest problem:

"They're all the same ones. They just get worse," says Gladys Schultz of Edmonton Exterminators.



Vancouver — Raccoon Most dangerous:

Coyotes can eat pets and have had contact with people; bites have been reported.

Biggest pest: Raccoons have bitten lots of people, mostly because of people trying to hand feed them.

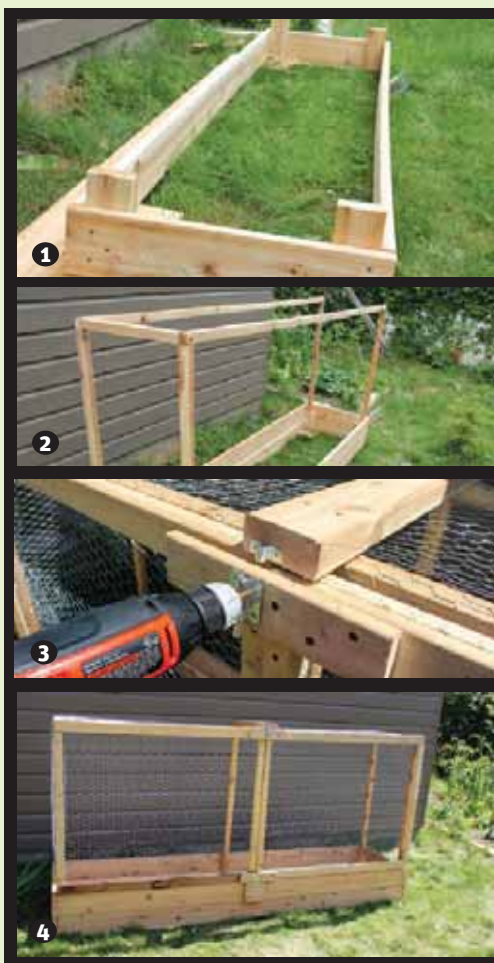
Newest problem:

None.

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How to build a garden box

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SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO



Raccoons are tough to keep out of a garden once they decide to raid it. You might want to try building a raccoon-resistant garden box.

Make sure to wear safety gear and check your local building codes. And remember, this design is not the work of an expert, just a reporter who was making it up as he went along. The project is fairly basic and you can alter the dimensions to suit your needs.

- 1 Construct a garden box using wide 2x6 (or wider if you want) cedar planks. A 2x4 or a 4x4 cedar post in each corner secures the planks. Posts are expensive so I used 2x4s.
- 2 Cut the 2x4s to 8 inches, leaving 4 inches to secure the 2x2s that form the upright parts of the cage frame to put on top of the box.
- 3 Connect the upright 2x2s with more 2x2s along the top, cover three sides and the roof with mesh, and then construct wooden frame doors with mesh fronts, with a latch at the top and the bottom.
- 4 It took me eight hours working by myself and it cost almost \$217 in materials. The simplest way I can explain the doors is comparing it to stapling a cage to a picture frame and then screwing another frame on top of the first. ● SEAN MCKIBBON

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Reader's comments

What's your best home remedy for keeping away animals?

Reader tweets

- @meaghanbent "I brush my dog in the front yard so the hair goes on the grass. I hear this keeps the critters away and it seems to work well."
- @a1_grady "My raccoon bangs on my green bin, I go out, throw a bun into the woods, he goes off into the woods to get it."
- @nawn_sholan "Scarecrow sprinkler, hours of entertainment as well."



Had a critter problem? Send us your tips and photos at halifaxletters@metronews.ca or on Twitter @metrohalifax.



Olivia Gampel

17, STUDENT, TORONTO
"Peppercorns ... If squirrels or raccoons bit them, they wouldn't come back."



Jake Rondot

34, MANAGING DIRECTOR, WINDSOR, ONT.
"Mothballs keep skunks away."



Lori Harrison

35, DESIGNER, TORONTO
"Put plastic wrap over a bowl (of sugar), poke tiny holes in the wrap ... (to trap) fruit flies."

Questions raised over flag contract

► Under international trade agreements, Canadian flags are not required to be made in country

It should be a good-news story: An Ontario manufacturer beats out a dozen factories in China in a competition to produce 400,000 Canadian flags for the federal government.

But the \$294,000 contract awarded to Toronto-based Scythes Inc. earlier this year has raised questions about whether the tendering process was fair.

Scythes Inc., parent of Flying Colours International, was one of 18 firms that bid to produce small nylon flags for distribution to new Canadians at citizenship ceremonies.

The company won the contract not because its prices were lower — internal documents obtained

Flag wars

- This is Michael Blanchard's second bad experience with a flag order that Public Works has tendered on behalf of Citizenship and Immigration.
- In 2007, 12 bidders responded to a tender for 150,000 nylon flags — and 11 of them were declared technically non-compliant by a Public Works official.
- Scythes Inc. won that contest as well, with a \$121,000 contract that was about \$80,000 higher than Blanchard's bid.

under the Access to Information Act show their bid

was the second-highest, behind another Ontario firm.

Scythes got the contract because the other bidders submitted samples that a Public Works official said were technically non-compliant. Colours were off or staples were missing.

"Something doesn't smell very good here," says Michael Blanchard, whose Ottawa-based Adware Promotions Inc. made a bid that was \$220,000 cheaper.

The purchase is also unusual because Citizenship and Immigration had budgeted only \$140,000, requiring delivery by March 10, three weeks before the fiscal year-end.

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Murder. Acquittal



► Casey Anthony walks out of the Orange County Jail with her attorney, Jose Baez, during her release in Orlando yesterday. Anthony was acquitted last week of murder in the death of her daughter, Caylee. The prosecution argued Anthony had suffocated the little girl with duct tape.

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Anthony freed from jail

Casey Anthony, 25, walked out of jail a free woman yesterday, facing shouts of "baby killer" just days after being acquitted of murder in the death of her two-year-old daughter Caylee, whose remains were found in 2008.

Ousted Mubarak not in coma, doctor says

Hosni Mubarak's lead doctor denied yesterday that the ousted Egyptian president had suffered a stroke or was in a coma, as Mubarak's lawyer claimed.

Dr. Assem Azzam said the 83-year-old Mubarak only had a bout of low blood pressure. Mubarak's lawyer said he had a stroke and was in a coma.

Mubarak has been in a hospital since April under arrest.

He's said to be suffering from heart trouble.

The former president is set to face trial in about two weeks on charges he ordered the killings of protesters during the 18-day uprising that ousted him on Feb. 11.

A conviction could carry the death penalty.

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From exec to public villain

► Ex-Murdoch CEO Rebekah Brooks arrested in London after showing up for police questioning ► London's top cop submits his resignation

Airline reacts

The arrest sealed Rebekah Brooks's swift transformation from one of Britain's most powerful female executives to a figure of scorn and even parody.

Yesterday, an Irish discount airline seized on perceptions of Brooks as an outlaw, placing an ad in The Observer newspaper that showed a photograph of the longtime Murdoch confidant, said to be so close to him that she was seen as family.

"Hacked Off with High Fares ... I'm outta here with Ryanair!" the caption crowed.

A burgeoning voicemail hacking and police bribery scandal cut closer than ever to Rupert Murdoch and Scotland Yard yesterday with the arrest of the media magnate's former British newspaper chief and the resignation of London's police commissioner.

Though the former executive, Rebekah Brooks,

and the police chief, Paul Stephenson, have denied wrongdoing, both developments are ominous not only for Murdoch's News Corp., but for a British power structure that nurtured a cosy relationship with his papers for years.

Brooks, the ultimate social and political insider, dined at Christmas with

Prime Minister David Cameron. His Conservative-led government is now facing increasing questions about its relationship with Murdoch's media empire.

The 43-year-old Brooks was questioned and released hours after her arrest, Scotland Yard announced late yesterday.

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► Rebekah Brooks, former chief executive of News International, leaves a hotel in central London on July 10.

INCREASING SCRUTINY

Aftershocks mount

Another of Murdoch's chief executives, Wall Street Journal publisher Les Hinton, also had to resign Friday after more than 50 years with Murdoch. James Murdoch, head of European and

Asian operations for his father's company, News Corp., is under increasing scrutiny. He and the senior Murdoch, along with Rebekah Brooks, face questioning tomorrow by



British lawmakers investigating the scandal.

News International placed advertisements in most Sunday national newspapers outlining their intention after their apology advertisements in Saturday national newspapers. News of the World is accused of hacking into the mobile phones of crime victims, celebrities and politicians.

Economists look for signs from Bank of Canada

The Bank of Canada faces a conundrum.

With the Canadian economy on track, it is not a question of whether the central bank should raise rates, but rather when the increase will come.

But faced with a growing credit crisis in Europe and fiscal gridlock in the United States, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney has repeatedly raised concerns about the potential fallout on the Canadian economy.

"The proverbial rock is an economy that is expected to grow just fast enough to absorb the limited amount of slack that's still tamping inflation," BMO economist Sal Guatieri wrote in a report.

"The hard place that Carney is caught between is the growing risk that Canada's economy will underperform if U.S. demand remains weak and/or Europe's credit crisis erupts and spews lava across global financial markets."

"Increasing rates now with the U.S. not having a clear decision on the debt ceiling is inviting more instability and risk into Canada."




GLEN HODGSON, CHIEF ECONOMIST
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The central bank is widely expected to keep its overnight rate target at one per cent when it makes its rate announcement tomorrow, followed by its Monetary Policy Report on Wednesday.

The latter is expected to help clarify where the central bank sees the economy headed and just how concerned it is about the international chaos as it heads into the fall and its next rate announcement in September.

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Market moment

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Stocks in for tough week

Gains will likely be elusive on stock markets this week, despite a strong start to the second-quarter earnings reporting season, as wor-

ries about massive government debt shift to the United States.

Investors were frustrated last week as Republicans and Democrats appeared no closer to coming to an agreement to raise the \$14.3-trillion US debt ceiling.

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Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie was in high dudgeon last week when he took his summer road show to Yarmouth.

Baillie was there to warn business leaders about the terrible costs to our grandchildren's grandkids because of our socialist-horde government's "stubbornly ... swimming-against-the-tide" tax policies.

A slight exaggeration, perhaps, but it is summer. And Baillie himself was attempting to generate maximum barbecue-season publicity for his third-place party from the fallow news-bite possibilities of last week's eastern Canadian premiers' and New England governor's gathering.

"We sit around the table with the neighbouring jurisdictions, but when it comes to spending and taxes, we are uniquely going in the wrong direction," he harumphed, parroting the currently popular, populist, less-government-is-better, no-government-is-best mantra. "We are surrounded by jurisdictions that are

reducing taxes and containing the cost of government to create jobs and strengthen their economies. In Nova Scotia taxes are up, government spending is up and jobs are disappearing."

Baillie's Republican-loving, Tea-Party-aping, Harper-hoping-to-be cut-cut-cut speech might have sounded more sincere if not for

the last phrase in the last, please-don't-notice paragraph of the Tory press release previewing Baillie's talk.

Baillie, it said, would "highlight the importance of our province's longstanding relationship with New England and the economic isolation caused by the NDP's decision to cut the ferry service."

The Yarmouth-Portland ferry service? The one that a former Conservative government subsidized to the dance-that-jig tune of \$18.9 million between 2007 and 2009, the one the NDP refused to give \$6 million more of taxpayers' dollars to in 2010, the one that the operators — not the NDP — cut after the company couldn't get what it considered enough of our tax dollars?

Yup, that ferry service.

All opposition politicians, of course, must take the Hypocritic Oath. It comes with the territory.

And there are, without doubt, sound economic reasons for subsidizing the ferry service, which brought thousands of tourists and created hundreds of jobs in economically fragile southwestern Nova Scotia.

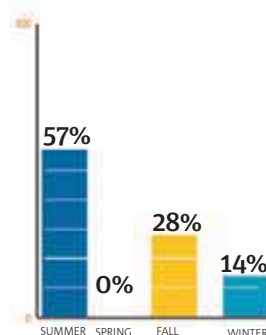
But to follow the logic of the currently ascendant no-government-is-good-government movement — see Jamie Baillie above, Rob Ford, Jim Flaherty, Michelle Bachmann et al — using taxpayers' cash to prop up private businesses should be a bad thing, no?

Unless, of course, you're in Yarmouth at the time.



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Worth Mentioning

BALLOON BOY. A silver, UFO-like helium balloon that gripped Americans' attention when a couple said their son had floated away in it is back in Colorado after an online auction.

An attorney for Richard and Mayumi Heene told the Coloradoan in Fort Collins Thursday that an Aurora man paid \$2,502 US earlier this month for the balloon.

Perry Rausher says the man didn't want his name released because he is planning a news conference.

Rausher says he deducted \$60 from the sale for fees and the rest will go to Japanese earthquake and tsunami relief.

The Heenes, who moved to Florida from Colorado after the incident, were charged when it was discovered their six-year-old son was never on the balloon.

They had to pay \$36,000 in restitution to authorities who responded to the 2009 incident.

The boys' parents are storm chasers who appeared twice in the ABC reality show *Wife Swap*. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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WEIRD NEWS

Vet performs mouth-to-beak CPR on eagle

A Bend, Ore., veterinarian has performed life-saving CPR on an injured bald eagle that was under anesthesia during physical therapy.

KTVZ-TV reports Jeff Cooney performed the therapy, during which the bald eagle nicknamed Patriot stopped breathing.

Cooney's "mouth-to-beak" resuscitation got the eagle breathing again.

"He has gained 10 per cent of his body weight and is eating fish like crazy," Cooney said. "His attitude is greatly improved, and he's starting to act like a normal, rambunctious bald eagle."

The injured eagle was found by two La Pine women near Crane Prairie Reservoir in June.

The eagle had suffered, among other injuries, a dislocated shoulder and paralyzed right leg.

Cooney says it's uncertain whether he will be able to return the bird to the wild.

If the bird's foot doesn't improve in the next three weeks, Cooney says he could be forced to euthanize him.

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Weird Al still mocking stars and making music

► Yankovic talks about his new CD, his Lady Gaga cover and the struggling music industry ► 'People just aren't buying albums the way they used to,' says the comedian

Since 1983, Weird Al Yankovic has released 13 albums, with six of them going platinum and four reaching gold status.

It's a pretty good batting average for any artist, and an especially great one for a comedian-musician.

Yankovic says he used to think all of his albums would sell well, until now.

"Back in the '90s I was getting kind of cocky. I was just assuming that every album that I put out would go gold at least and now it's a huge goal for anybody to reach that level," he said.

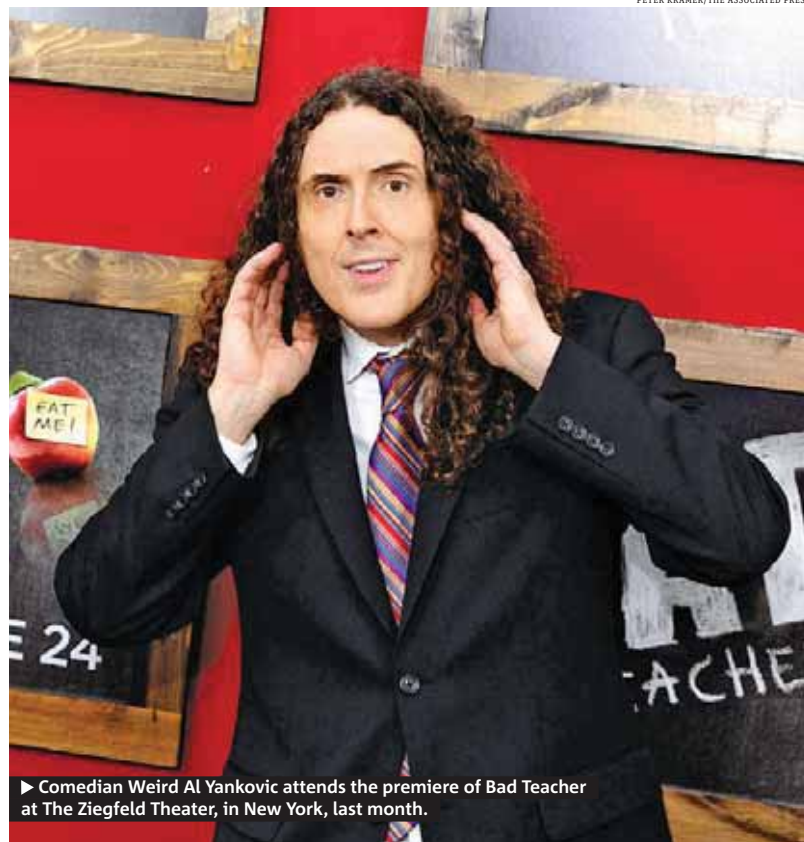
"People just aren't buying albums the way they used to."

His latest release, *Alpocalypse*, debuted at No. 9 on the Billboard 200 albums chart last month, selling about 44,000 copies in its first week, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

"It's still a huge thrill for me to make the Top 10 because that's all relative ... but sales-wise, it's not what it used to be," Yankovic said.

The album's lead single is a parody of Lady Gaga's No. 1 hit *Born This Way*.

Yankovic says getting his version — called *Per-*



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► Comedian Weird Al Yankovic attends the premiere of *Bad Teacher* at The Ziegfeld Theater, in New York, last month.

form *This Way* — out to the public wasn't an easy process.

First, Lady Gaga's management wouldn't allow it, but once the pop star

heard Yankovic's cover, she approved his sample.

"It was a little depressing actually," Yankovic said about waiting to hear back from Lady Gaga.

"(I thought) I was never going to be able to release my Lady Gaga parody officially and that my album was postponed indefinitely."

"Most artists look at the Weird Al parody as an homage and that's certainly the way it's intended. You get your platinum album, you get your Grammy and then you get your Weird Al parody. It's part of the package."

COMEDIAN WEIRD AL YANKOVIC

The new disc from the 51-year-old also features covers of Miley Cyrus' *Party in the USA*, Taylor Swift's *You Belong With Me* and Nothin' On You by B.o.B and Bruno Mars.

The three-time Grammy-winner says though getting approval from Lady Gaga's team was tough, he usually hasn't struggled to get clearances in the past.

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Box office



Warner Bros. estimates that *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2* took in \$168.6 million domestically from Friday to Sunday. That beats the previous best opening weekend of \$158.4 million, also held by Warner Bros. for the 2008 *Batman* blockbuster *The Dark Knight*.

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Lopez, Anthony announce divorce

► Couple have been living apart for months, say split is amicable

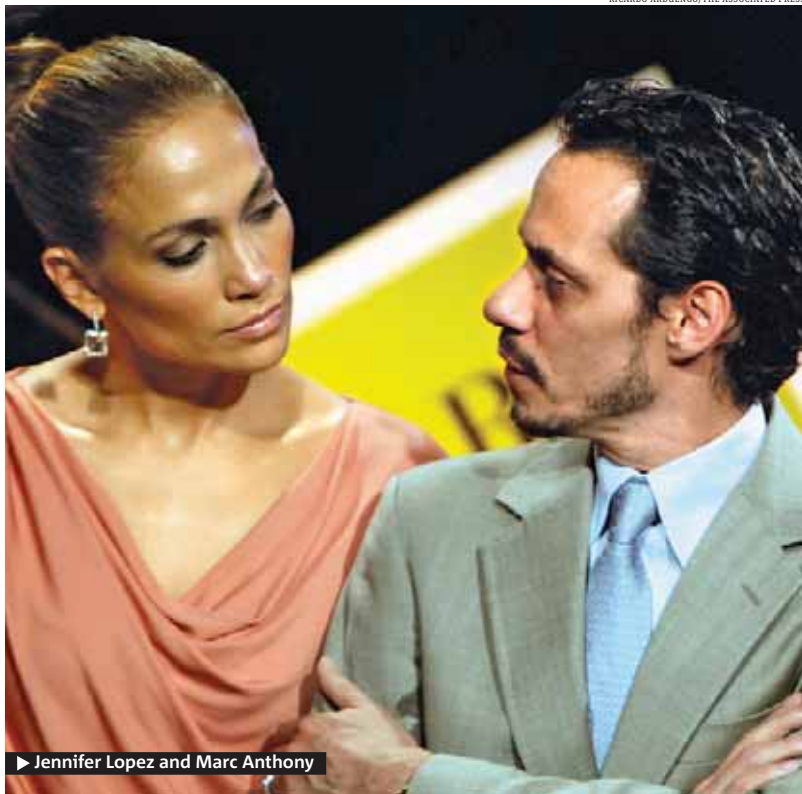
Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony have announced they are divorcing, according to Hollyscoop.

"We have decided to end our marriage," the couple says in a joint statement.

"This was a very difficult decision. We have come to an amicable conclusion on all matters. It is a painful time for all involved, and we appreciate the respect of our privacy at this time."

Sources say the pair had been living apart for months and was waiting for the right time to break the news.

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► Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony

Parenthood suits Beckham

David Beckham is over the moon about having newborn daughter Harper home. "To have that little bundle of joy in your hands and her making her little noises and opening her eyes — it really is an incredible moment for us," he says in a chat with fans on his Facebook page. But that doesn't mean hav-

ing a girl hasn't called for some adjustments. "Having a daughter is a whole new thing," he says. "Having pink in the house and lilac in the house. And you have to be a lot more delicate with girls than with boys and I'm not used to that so it's a whole new experience but it's an amazing experience." ● METRO



► David Beckham

Anna: True to herself

True Blood star Anna Paquin is more than happy to discuss her bisexuality after coming out last year.

"My sexuality is something I'm completely comfortable with and open about," she tells V magazine. "There is a lot of

prejudice against us, but the more people talk about it, the less of a deal it will be. Who people choose to sleep with — or spend their lives with — shouldn't matter, not that anyone particularly cares who I'm attracted to." ● METRO



► Anna Paquin

Talking points

Keeping their distance

DOING DINNER. With the divorce papers filed, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver attended a dinner party at a Brentwood restaurant for a friend of their son Patrick, though the estranged couple arrived separately, according to X-17. A source says the couple "kept their distance" during the get-together. "It wasn't like Arnold and Maria were making googly eyes at each other or anything," the source says. "They were there for the benefit of their son but there was no reconciliation going on. They exchanged a few words cordially, though."

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Swift turnover for house

REAL ESTATE FLIP. Taylor Swift has quickly changed her mind about her home in Nashville, which she bought last September for \$1.4 million. The country star is selling the 5,000 square-foot, four-bedroom, five-bath home for \$1.45 million, according to Hollyscoop. Swift also owns a penthouse in Nashville and a nearby home in which her parents live, plus a \$3.35 million mansion in Beverly Hills.

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Celebrity tweets



"Some days you're the kid with the stick, some days you're the piñata."

@AlecBaldwin



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"glad this whole twitter thing is only for serious stuff! just finished dinner yum ..."

@IrelandBBaldwin

"Girls have no class and no respect now-a-days...ew."



@DanielBaldwin

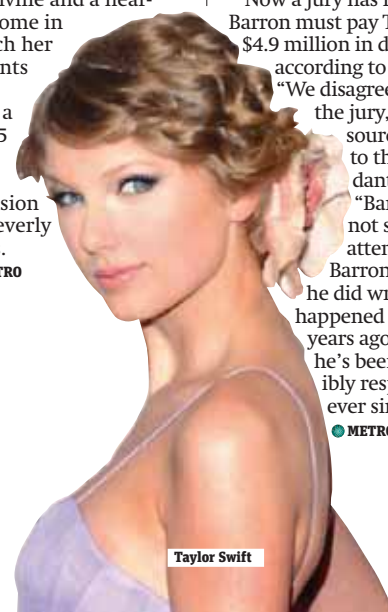
"News trucks in front of my house, reporters on my driveway and my girls asking when will mommy be back from vacation."

Paris' bro pays the price

DAMAGES. Paris Hilton's little brother, Barron Hilton, is still being haunted by his day of reckless driving in 2008, during which the then 19-year-old was arrested for driving while intoxicated and allegedly struck Fernando Tellez, a gas station attendant, with his car.

Now a jury has ruled Barron must pay Tellez \$4.9 million in damages, according to TMZ. "We disagree with the jury," a source close to the defendant says. "Barron did not strike the attendant. Barron knows he did wrong. It happened three years ago and he's been incredibly responsible ever since."

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Taylor Swift

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14 days of summer fun

► “I’m bored!” It’s the two words every parent dreads during the summer ► Fear not: Jason White of the Frugal Dad website offers two weeks worth of affordable summer fun activities



JASON WHITE
FRUGALDAD.COM

METRO WORLD NEWS

1

Sprinkler day

Delay your sprinklers for one day so they come on a little later in the morning. This way, everyone can put on their bathing suits and have fun. But not for too long! This is a good time to teach them about conserving water, reducing utility costs, etc.

2

Attend “story time” at your local library

My kids love to check out books on all kinds of subjects. My son currently has three library books on swimming, pirates and going to the dentist (quite a diverse reader, huh?). Many libraries also have a story time to encourage a summer reading program.

3

Rent a summer-themed movie on a rainy day

Our pick: Freaky Friday.

4

Set up a lemonade stand

This is probably my favourite idea because it involves lessons in entrepreneurship. Lend your kids \$10 as “seed money” for supplies, or better yet, let them use their own money from savings. This way, they don’t get used to the idea that borrowing leads to prosperity. Take the kids along to the grocery store one morning and let them pick up the lemons, sugar, cups and a



► On Day 11, we go to war.

couple bags of ice to keep in a cooler by their stand.

5

Teach your kids to fly a kite

Check your 10-day forecast and look for a windy day in the coming week. Pick up an expensive kite for the kids — it’s worth the investment. I even recommend springing for the extra spool of kite string on a roller because the string and handles that come with the kites are lousy.

6

Make homemade play-doh, using a recipe found online

I suppose the next best option would be to pick up some commercial Play-Doh on sale, but what fun would that be?

7

Bake a cake

I remember having a ball helping my mom bake something when I was young. And not all the fun came at the end when I got to lick the icing from the bowl. Plus, they learn fractions and measurements.

8

Build a “fort” outside

When my son was smaller he got the biggest kick out of playing in giant cardboard boxes. We would colour them, and cut “windows” out for him to look through.

9

Go bowling

Call the lanes ahead of time and ask if they have any summer specials (certain days may be cheaper).

10

Declare a “bored” game day

I learned to play chess, checkers, backgammon, and poker (my mom wasn’t thrilled with that) one summer while staying with my grandparents. Few kids today don’t realize you can play games without a computer.

11

Have a water balloon fight

You will totally win (but be sure to pick up the balloon remains, especially if you have very little ones or pets as they could be a choking hazard).

12

Create a “mini-me”

Find a piece of large poster board or large heavy-duty paper (such as a butcher paper) wide enough for your kids to lay down on. Use a dull

pencil (less chance for boo-boos) to trace their entire body to the paper from head to toe. Now let the kids decorate the kids to look like themselves in the same clothes they are wearing, same colour eyes, hair, etc. When they are finished, help them cut out their mini-me for proud display.

13

Pajama day

I feel like having these days as an adult! Stay in your pajamas all day long. Make pancakes in the morning, bake a pizza for lunch and lounge around.

14

Spend a day volunteering your time

A good way to wrap up your two-week blitz of fun is to allow your kids to donate their time to a worthy cause. Contact a few local charities and find out which ones will allow kids to volunteer.

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of children have a language delay. But not to worry: The “late-talking,” although it may result in behavioural problems, should not affect long-term development, says Dr. Andrew Whitehouse, of the University of Western Australia in Subiaco. • MWN



Summer trip tips: Keeping your children busy on the road. Scan this code for the story.

Zucchini with a Creole kick

► Jambalaya, a rich tomato-based dish jammed with meat and bold flavourings, pairs well with roasted zucchini

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Jambalaya is a rich tomato-based dish from Louisiana that is jammed with meat and bold flavourings.

But it is not generally considered a healthy dish.

To health it up just a little bit, we switched out some of the heavier meats that are typically used for leaner options.

We also used a small amount of flavourful andouille sausage; a little bit adds lots of flavour without adding tons of calories and fat.

Using brown rice, of course, is another way to add a nutritious touch.

And to make the most of summer's bounty — as well as to add a green vegetable — we used the jambalaya as a stuffing for roasted zucchini.

The mixture would be equally delicious stuffed into a hollowed-out tomato or bell pepper.

Serve the dish with a green salad and a piece of crusty French bread to round out the meal.

Preparation:

1 Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Then, using spoon, scrape out and discard seeds from zucchini, creating narrow canoes. Sprinkle with salt, garlic powder and pepper, then place hollow sides up on a baking sheet.

2 In skillet over medium, heat olive oil. Add

celery and sauté for 4 mins. Add tomato paste, Cajun seasoning, hot sauce and Worcestershire sauce; continue to cook until mix becomes aromatic and

3 Stir in sausage, shrimp, chicken and rice. Adjust seasoning with lemon juice and additional salt and pepper. Scoop mix into the zucchini boats.

4 Roast stuffed zucchini for 20 minutes or until

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onion and garlic and sauté until soft, 4 mins. Add green pepper and

begins to darken, 2 to 3 minutes.

zucchini is tender and cooked through.

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► This recipe makes four servings.

Ingredients:

- 2 medium zucchini, halved lengthwise
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) garlic powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 small red onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) diced green bell pepper
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) diced cel-

- ery
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) tomato paste
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) Cajun seasoning
- 5 ml (1 tsp) hot sauce
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Worcestershire sauce
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) each chopped andouille sausage, cooked shrimp, shredded cooked chicken breast
- 250 ml (1 cup) cooked brown rice
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

A Mediterranean flare

► Using ingredients such as feta cheese, olives, sun-dried tomatoes, oregano and basil give this grilled stuffed chicken breast a distinct zing

Preparation:

1 Preheat your barbecue to 260 C (500 F).

2 In a small bowl, combine the walnuts, feta, olives, sun-dried tomatoes, lemon zest, lemon juice, oregano and red pepper flakes. Set aside.

3 Butterfly chicken breasts by slicing in half (lengthwise) so the chicken remains attached. Gently

pound chicken with a mallet to flatten. Place 4 to 5 basil leaves on flattened breast followed by 1/3 of the walnut and feta mixture and spread evenly.

4 Begin rolling chicken from one end to the other to form a pinwheel shape. Brush with olive oil and season lightly with salt and pepper. Secure roll with butcher

Ingredients:

- 75 ml (1/3 cup) walnut pieces
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) feta cheese, crumbled
- 6 kalamata olives, pitted and chopped
- 4 sun-dried tomatoes (in oil), diced

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon zest
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) oregano
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) red pepper flakes
- 3 boneless chicken breasts
- Handful fresh basil leaves
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Olive oil



► This recipe makes six servings.

string or 3 to 4 skewers to prevent roll from unravelling. Repeat with remaining chicken and filling.

5 Reduce heat to medium-high and grill for 25 mins. until internal temperature is 85 C (185 F).

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► Lisa Airst

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More sports



Bridgewater's Jenna Martin has been named to Canada's track team for next month's World Universiade. Martin, who stars in the NCAA with the Kentucky Wildcats, is Canada's top-ranked 400-metre sprinter and is the defending national champion.



Scan code for more sports.

Underdog Japan wins Women's World Cup

JOERN POLLEX/GETTY IMAGES

Japan became the first Asian nation to win the Women's World Cup yesterday, beating the United States in a penalty shootout after both sides were level at 2-2 after extra time.

The Japanese denied the U.S. team the chance to become the first country to lift the cup three times.

The Americans missed their first three penalties, and Japan went on to win the shootout 3-1 when Saki Kumagai slotted the final shot high past goalkeeper Hope Solo.

Japan was always driven by a greater purpose, hop-



► Japan celebrates yesterday after winning the FIFA Women's World Cup final in Frankfurt, Germany.

ing its success at the World Cup could provide some emotional relief for a na-

tion still reeling from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

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Japan had not beaten the U.S. in their previous 25 meetings, including a pair of 2-0 losses in warmup matches before the World Cup.

The team displayed a banner reading "To our Friends Around the World — Thank You for Your Support" before the final, and coach Norio Sasaki inspired his players before the quarter-final win over favourite

Germany by showing them pictures of the devastation.

Yesterday, the players were even more pumped up as the match approached its climax.

In a thrilling finale, 32-year-old Japan captain Homare Sawa flicked a corner through a jumble of players and past Solo with three minutes of extra time left to equalize and set up the shootout.

"We ran and ran. We were exhausted but we kept running," said Sawa, the top scorer in the tournament with five goals.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tight race atop women's Premiership

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO

► Dartmouth United hopes to give Halifax Dunbrack a run for its money ► Teams fight to scoreless draw



MATTHEW WUEST
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The top two teams in the EastLink Premiership showed yesterday just how hard fought the circuit will be this summer.

Defending champion and first-place Halifax Dunbrack battled second-place Dartmouth United to a scoreless draw on a hot day at Harbour East Turf in Burnside.

Although the tie leaves Dunbrack (10-0-2) a full 12 points ahead of Dartmouth (6-2-2), it also left them well aware of the challenge they'll face in their quest to win another provincial crown.

"They're a very tough team to play and they

match up with us really well," said Dunbrack midfielder Kate MacDonald, tied for fourth in the Premiership with four goals. "A lot of other teams in the league, when we're on our game, we can beat them, but with these guys, it's always a really tough game."

Dartmouth had the edge in play in the first half, while Dunbrack took over in the second half and had numerous scoring chances.

But to come away with a tie against the defending Jubilee Trophy national champions, and keep league scoring leader Leanne Huck off the board, made it a good day for Dartmouth.

"When you can keep

Leanne Huck scoreless, that's always a nice thing," said Dartmouth's Wendy Donaldson, an Ottawa native. "I thought we played a great game and they played great as well."

Dartmouth has one more regular season game against Dunbrack, but there's also a reasonable chance the two teams will meet again in the provincial final.

"We need to make them run until they're tired, until we can find a gap," Donaldson said. "If we can keep possession, make them run, do the work and get them frustrated, the gaps will open up for our great strikers, Sarah Drake, Victoria (Parkinson) and Hilary (Hamilton)."



► Halifax Dunbrack's Teresa Morrison fends off a Dartmouth United defender in pursuit of the ball in EastLink Premiership action yesterday in Burnside.

Boulton lands in New Jersey

JIM MCISAAC/GETTY IMAGES

Sackville's Eric Boulton has signed with the New Jersey Devils as an unrestricted free agent.

Boulton, a 10-year NHL veteran who spent the past six seasons with the Atlanta Thrashers, inked a two-year, \$1.325-million US contract with the Devils on Friday. Terms were not disclosed.

The Thrashers moved to Winnipeg and renamed themselves the Jets earlier

1,150

Number of penalty minutes accumulated by Eric Boulton during his 549-game NHL career.

this summer. According to the Bergen Record newspaper, the Jets did not express an interest in re-signing Boulton. ● METRO



► Eric Boulton

Sports in brief

Canada takes football silver

FOOTBALL. Canada won silver at the IFAF world senior football championship in Vienna, Austria, on Saturday, with a 50-7 loss to the United States. Both teams entered with 4-0 records. Saint Mary's slotback Jahmeek Taylor returned one kick for 13

yards and threw a 19-yard completion. ● METRO

Japan ousts Canada at world baseball tourney

BASEBALL. Canada lost 4-1 to Japan in the quarterfinals of the World Baseball Challenge in Prince George, B.C., on Saturday. The squad featured Dartmouth Moosehead Dry stars Chris Head, Darren Doucette and Joel Irvine.

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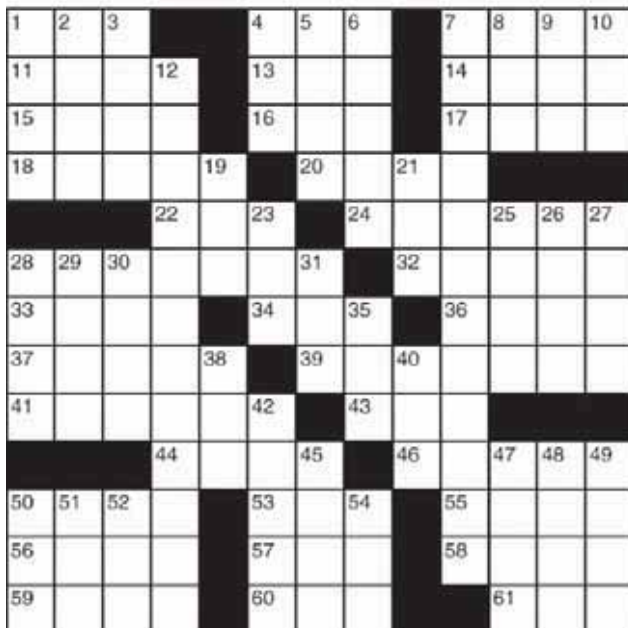
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4 Go slaloming
7 Young bovine
11 Body powder
13 Stashed
14 Culture medium
15 Napoleon's exile isle
16 Right angle
17 Inquisitive
18 Villain
20 Like a — balloon
22 24 hours
24 Don, as loafers
28 Where earth meets sky
32 Source of annoyance
33 "Zounds!"
34 Cambridge sch.
36 Speaker's stand
37 Wonderland visitor
39 Geckos et al
41 Show-offy know-it-all
43 Swab the floors
44 Unadorned
46 Ms. Winfrey
50 Shrek is one
53 Work with
55 Come in last
56 Tea time
57 Scratch
58 Basin accessory
59 Forum garment
60 Type of dog
61 Despondent

Down

- 1 Couple, in a gossip column



- 2 Evans or Carnegie
3 Actress Jessica
4 That woman
5 Slay
6 Runs in neutral
7 Halloween treat
8 Past
9 — Vegas
10 Saute
12 Allen Funt's TV show
19 Nickname in Red Sox lore
21 Matterhorn, for one
23 — Kippur

- 25 Bosc or Bartlett
26 "Metamorphoses" poet
27 Loch — Monster
28 Pile
29 Lascivious look
30 Incursion
31 Zero
35 Conway or Curry
38 Away from WSW
40 Menagerie
42 "The Apprentice" VIP
45 Birthright barterer
47 Columns' crossers
48 On the briny

- 49 Cattle group
50 Frequently, in verse
51 Sticky stuff
52 Carpet
54 Work unit

► Friday's answer



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♈ Aries March 21-April 20

What seemed such a difficult decision to make last week will come easy to you this week.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Venus, planet of love and harmony, is very much on your side at the moment.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You don't have to make a big issue of everything.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You will receive good news concerning your

cash flow situation today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You seem to have been in a rather downbeat mood of late, but you will cheer up considerably over the next 24 hours.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Pay attention to what people you live and work with are trying to tell you.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 The message of the stars as the new week begins is that it's OK to dream.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 No task is too much for you and no

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situation is too difficult to handle.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You will have to ask for assistance at some point today.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

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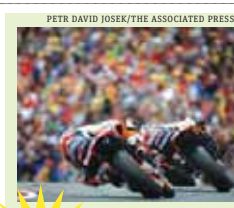
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